

**TOWN OF DUNE ACRES  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SATURDAY JUNE 21, 2008**

The Town of Dune Acres Town Council met for its regular monthly meeting on Saturday June 21, 2008 at the Town Hall. Council President Louise Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with Council Members John Sullivan and Jeffrey Swoger, Clerk-Treasurer William Nixon and Attorney Dan Whitten in attendance. Council President Louise Roberts opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore representative Dan Morford reviewed plans to have a prescribed burn in Cowles Bog in about two weeks, weather permitting. It will cover 4 acres in the West corner of the bog. This is part of the Dan Mason plan previously presented to the Council. This burn will help restore the flora that has been lost to cattails. They will notify Mark Bapst prior to starting the burn. Observers can watch from the trail near the railroad tracks.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Council member John Sullivan moved that the minutes for the council meeting of May 20, 2008 be approved as presented. Council Member Jeffrey Swoger seconded, and it was passed unanimously.

**FINANCIAL REPORT AS OF: May 31, 2008**

Porter Bank – Checking	\$211195.56
Chase Bank – Savings	139369.26
Record Balance	\$350534.82

Council Member Jeffrey Swoger moved that the financial report be accepted. Council member John Sullivan seconded, and the financial report was accepted unanimously.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:**

Council Member Jeffrey Swoger moved the claims for in the amount of \$157,925.59 be approved. Council member John Sullivan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Indiana Dunes National Lake Shore – Cowles Bog Wetland Complex Prescribed Burn  
Constantine J. Dillon – Response to night closing of gate at Cowles Bog  
Mark Bapst – C.P.R. Instruction Saturday, June 28, 2008  
Jim Murphy – Porter County Treasurer – asking for support for his Tax Relief Plan  
Mary Ann Crayton – Research speed bumps

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS:**

**PARKS:** Bob Evans for Kellie Klein

Bob Evans reported that the rusty tennis court fence areas will be painted by maintenance when the windscreens are taken down in the Fall. Bill Nixon reviewed the progress on renovating the back 2 courts. Paving has been completed and a 4 week cure is in process. It is hoped that they will be ready for painting before the July 6<sup>th</sup> tennis tournament. As a part of this project, the basketball/tennis practice area has already been paved.

**FIRE:** Mark Bapst

Mark reported that only 3 people signed up so far for the Free CPR instruction in the Town Hall on June 28, 2008. The class will be conducted by EMS and CPR Trainers from the Porter Volunteer Fire Department. Participants will not receive certification from this training.

**ROADS:** Mark Hull

Mark reported that the red dots on trees along road that have overhead wires mean they will be removed by Nipsco to prevent future interference with utility wires. Many residents expressed concern about the guidelines being used and want a committee to be formed to supervise Nipsco's future tree cutting activities. Residents are upset with Nipsco's recent trimming. Dune Acres already requires utility lines to be buried on new construction but

needs to start a project to bury current lines to avoid tree trimming problems in the future. Volunteers for the committee are Mark Bapst, Mary Ann Crayton, Tom Cornwell, John Novak, Sue Smith, and Mark Hull. The committee will have a plan by the next Council meeting.

**BEACH: Rob Carstens**

Lou Roberts reported that Rob Carstens is trying to get the buoys placed but it requires very calm weather which we have not had.

**BUILDING: Lou Mellen**

Lou reported that there is no new construction. The current list is still 9 Beach Drive, 54 Circle Drive, 25 Oak Drive, 22 Summit Drive, and 58 West Road.

**MAINTENANCE: Dick Taylor**

Dick reported that mowing is up to date now that the weather has improved. He is looking at upgrading lighting behind the Security Office to assist Security personnel who leave the back parking lot after dark. A timer will be installed on the Town Hall lights.

**POLICE: Cecilia Call**

Cecilia reported no new activity. Attorney Dan Whitten said he is working on collecting parking violations. To date, no one has responded to his written requests. He will give them one more chance and then proceed to collect the fines in court.

**ENVIRONMENT: Mary Ann Crayton**

Mary Ann reported that the town cleanup went very well and a large amount of invasive plants were removed from the town. Several residents attended the Nature Walk and another is being planned. The total environmental budget goes toward controlling invasive plants in the town. A handout was made available to show new invasive plants that may come into our area. Residents asked about Mosquito fogging which is being done in other towns. The environmental committees' position is that it is ineffective and harmful to butterflies. Dan Mason sent his final agreement on plans for Cowles Bog to the council for approval. The Council signed the agreement. The town will be talking to Dan about obtaining additional grant money.

**OTHER REPORTS:**

**WATER: Ben Bolton**

Ben is still receiving property damage reports from residents and is working with Rex Construction to fix them. Everyone has been hooked up to the new water lines. Water color problems are occurring occasionally on Crest Drive.

**PUMP HOUSE: Irv Call**

Irv reported the Pump House is working fine, but the pump parameters need to be reset. He is obtaining an estimate to install an underground power line between the meter and the Maintenance Building. Irv also gave an overview of the quality of utility lines in Dune Acres. They are extremely old (older than neighboring towns) and need to be replaced. The town needs to take a tough stand with the power company and insist that they update our lines.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Club House – Renovation of the Club House is complete. Rick has signed off on the final bill with Leatherwood, Inc. He will have the Club House cleaned before the Independence Day activities on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The Council has approved the change order #2 and payment of the final bill.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution #2008-3 “2008 Vacation Pay Resolution” was read. Council member Jeffrey Swoger moved that the resolution be approved and Council member John Sullivan seconded it. The resolution was unanimously approved by the Council.

Resolution #2008-4 “A Resolution To Approve And Authorize An Interfund Loan From The Water Sale Fund To The General Fund” was read. Council member John Sullivan

moved that the resolution be approved and Council member Jeffrey Swoger seconded it. The resolution was unanimously approved by the Council. These funds will be replaced in the water fund project by the 2008 State funds when they are available or from a line of credit being secured by the Town.

2009 Budget – The town’s 2009 budget must be submitted to the County Council by September 15, 2008.

OTHER MATTERS:

South Shore Line – John Sullivan reported that a presentation was made at the recent NIRPC by the NICTS regarding their projects. It was noted that the Randolph Street Station could not handle the new capacity from the proposed South Shore extensions. The extensions will include double-decker cars and more trains.

Relay For Life – Tom Cornwell reported on Dune Aces’ 3<sup>rd</sup> year participation in the Relay For Life Event. Team organizers Jane Dickey, Betty Norris, Tom & Carol Cornwell have raised \$4,500 of the \$94,000 total to date for the event.

Jim Murphy Plan – Attorney Dan Whitten gave an in-depth analysis of the proposed plan and its problems. He recommended that the Council not approve a resolution supporting this plan. Dan will provide more information as other plans develop.

Garbage Cans – Howard Silverman stated that the problem still exists with garbage cans being left out all week. He suggested that it is time to pass the ordinance that was previously considered but not approved. The Council still does not feel it can enforce an ordinance. John Novak suggested we all be good neighbors and take their garbage cans in for them. Everyone agreed this was the best solution.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

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LOU ROBERTS, Town Council President

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JOHN SULLIVAN, Town Council Member

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JEFFREY SWOGER, Town Council Member

ATTEST:

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WILLIAM C NIXON, Clerk-Treasurer

CLAIMS FOR JUNE 2008		
<u>CLAIMANT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Atha W. Belsha	Security Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 1,657.41
David W. Kristophel	Security Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 624.35
Philip A. Lepley	Security Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 1,304.04
Terry R. Trout	Security Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 655.90
Garrett L. Tyrrell	Security Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 339.18
Diane Bartley	Security Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 1,280.76
Sherry A. King	Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 957.98
Emily A. Cheek	Security Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 958.79
Harold E. King	Maintenance Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 889.61
Atty. Dan Whitten	Legal Services for April, May, June	\$ 2,250.00
Verizon North	Town Phones - Gatehouse/Maintenance	\$ 149.84
	Town Hall - Fax/Phone/Internet	\$ 171.72
Nipsco	Electric at Mineral Springs & RT 12	\$ 10.22
	Electric at Clubhouse Dr. & Shore Dr.	\$ 14.83
	Gas/Electric at Town Hall - East Road	\$ 72.36
	Gas at Clubhouse	\$ 22.13
	Gas/Electric at Pump House	\$ 222.02
	Electric at Tennis Court	\$ 6.37
	Electric at 4 Shore Drive	\$ 28.23
	Electric at Security Office	\$ 97.43
Leatherwood, Inc.	Billing #3 - Club House Renovation	\$ 63,011.53
	Billing #4 - Club House Renovation	\$ 34,606.62
	Final Billing - Club House Renovation	\$ 37,686.65
	Parts for riding lawn mower, oil for weed eater & saw	\$ 52.90
Frontier Lawnand Recreation, Inc.	Security Mobile Phones	\$ 50.65
Nextel Communications	DVDs/Lexmark Cartridges-2 Combo Packs	\$ 143.96
Quill Office Products	Security Office	
Kmart	Supplies/Bounty/TrashBags/Cleaners	\$ 85.20
Datagraphics - Chesterton	Security - Warning Stickers/paper	\$ 112.50
Martin Security Systems, Inc.	Club House Monitoring - July, August, September	\$ 75.00
Chase Card Services	Light Bulbs for Security Office	\$ 6.88
Chase Card Services	Postage Stamps	\$ 42.00
Chase Card Services	Letters for Message Board at Security Office	\$ 106.50
Diane Bartley	Town Hall Cleaning for	\$ 40.00
Able Disposal	Town Hall	\$ 32.83
	Ridge Beach	\$ 14.86
	East Beach	\$ 35.90
A.B.C. Burglar & Fire Alarm Corp.	Town Hall security service for May	\$ 30.00
Gregory J. Livovich	Garlic Mustard Work 5/7/08 15.5 hrs. @\$18.00	\$ 279.00
Sandy O'Brien	Garlic Mustard Work 4/29/08-5/9/08 6hrs. @\$18.00	\$ 108.00
Menards - Portage	Paint for speed bumps and crosswalk	\$ 31.94
Bedrock and Boulders	Asphalt patching/Boulder Wall - East & Beach	\$ 5,546.10
	Dozing sand on Beach	\$ 427.50
Hopkins Ace Hardware	Clamps for BB goal/Bulb/Street	\$ 41.81
Pinkerton Fuel & Lubricants	Fuel for Town Truck, mule & power tools	\$ 207.45
Carol Cornwell	Reimbursement for Tent for Relay for Life	\$ 164.00
Pride the Portable Toilet Company	Toilet Rental for May 21 - June 17, 2008	\$ 110.00
Electronic Federal Tax Payment System	Payroll Liabilities for Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 2,495.36
Indiana Department of Revenue	Payroll Liabilities for Pay Period 5/1-5/31/2008	\$ 413.09
Scotts LawnService-Merrillville	Herbicide applied to Park	\$ 254.19
TOTAL CLAIMS FOR 2008		\$157,925.59